



Dear Friends, Colleagues and Acquaintances,

Greetings: **Kari** ♣ **Dines** wish you a very, **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**. 2016 was good to us: health- and otherwise. Dines enjoys growing older – and life with ♥ **Kari** ♥ is wonderful !

Charlotte's Family: [Ellesvinget 147, DK-2950 Vedbæk, Denmark, cb@asia-house.dk] **Camilla** first continued her studies of Economics & Mathematics at Copenhagen University and then, as from her second semester, continued these studies at Amsterdam University, The Netherlands. **Caroline** completed her 9 years of primary and secondary school and started, this summer, at Nærum Gymnasium, less than 4kms. from her home. She immediately got involved in this autumn's production of Walt Disney's *High School Musical*^{1(1,2)} and, in a cast of 50 or so she played/sang one of the three leading rôles: Gabriella Montez. In parallel she also attends the *Fairy Tale Theatre School* and was opted into this autumn's 2 week production of *Nilens Stjerne*¹⁽³⁾ An interview of Caroline appeared in the local newspaper *Rudersdal Avis*¹⁽⁴⁾ Despite all this she remains cool and fully engaged in her studies. **WeiWei** has been four times in China this year: playing drama on stage, and engaged in movie and TV series productions. He has also had a rôle in a Danish "dogma" movie¹⁽⁵⁾ **Charlotte** is the anchor in this active household: enjoys singing in the *Gentofte Gospel Choir*¹⁽⁶⁾, Saturday and Sunday mornings exercising Zumba¹⁽⁷⁾, and many other things – besides her Administrator work at *Asia House*¹⁽⁸⁾.¹



October 2016. First: the Walt Disney *High School Musical*, last two: *Star of the Nile*.

Nikolaj's Family: [13337 NE 186th Ave., Woodinville, 98073-6309 Washington, USA, nbjorner@microsoft.com] **Marianne** continued her medical studies – this past summer moving back to Seattle, from Houston – at University of Washington. She lives in a student dorm, but spent Thanksgiving at home! **Nikolaj**, **Bodil**, **Katrine** and **Jakob** were here the first week of April. Nikolaj had events to attend in The Netherlands, joined them here. They collected some of **Kari's** P&Qs. **Katrine**, 16½, has been driving now for quite some time. **Jakob**, 15, has started learning to drive: although, as **Bodil** observes: he prefers being driven. **Nikolaj** flies the skies: Just this November he was in NYC, the UK and Israel. In early Dec. he was at Chalmers Univ., Gothenburg, Sweden – and we saw him here for 3 full days: 9th–12th.

Travels: We had two major trips this year. In second half of April, 13 days, we went to **Provence**: Four days in **Marseille**, then three days in **Arles**, with a day tour to **Tarascon** (home of Souleïado, the "Aladdin's Cave" of Provence fabrics), two days in **Baux de Provence** (at *L'Oustau de Baumanière*), and finally one night, almost 2 full days back in **Marseille**. **Kari** got 10 "exciting" fabrics in Marseille, 4 in Tarascon and 2 in Arles. You can see zillions of photos and read more at: <http://www.imm.dtu.dk/~dibj/2016/provence/provence.html>. In July, also 13 days, to celebrate, for an evening, Sat. 23rd July, **Mary Rusinow's 80th anniversary** – and otherwise tour Northern Italy: **Bergamo** and **Garda** before our usual week at **Latemar**² and then 2 nights, almost 3 full days in **Milan**: you can read about it on the Internet: <http://www.imm.dtu.dk/~dibj/2016/july2016/>.

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¹ (1) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High_School_Musical

(2) <http://nagmusik.dk/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Plakat-High-School-Musical.jpg>

(3) <http://www.eventyrteatret.dk/forestillinger/nilens-stjerne>

(4) <http://rudersdal.lokalavisen.dk/vedbaekpige-paa-tivolis-skraa-braedder-/20161025/ARTIKLER/710259108/1036>

(5) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dogme_95

(6) <http://gentoftegospel.dk/>

(7) <http://www.impulsmotion.dk/>

(8) <http://asia-house.dk/hvem-er-asia-house/secretariat/>

² <http://www.hotel-latemar.net/>



Dines gave a PhD course at Bergen, November 6-12. See <http://www.imm.dtu.dk/~dibj/2016/bergen/>.

Our Daily Life: This ¶ is mostly about **Dines**: We lead a quiet life. **Kari** get's up at 5:30 am, Dines between 6.00 and 6:30 am. Dines checks e-mail, then we have breakfast, and then Dines reads the newspaper(s). Morning coffee at around 9:45 am. During the day Kari works at her P&Q and Dines on his research – and updates his Web pages³ This summer: between mid April and late Sept. on the east/south terrace. At noon we have lunch, this summer on the balcony. Mid afternoon Dines reads another newspaper (KD) – and enjoys its vivid debates: great thinkers. Late afternoon a drink: in summer half on the balcony, winter half in our living room: sometimes a fire is "roaring", sometimes not. Dinner at 6 pm. Dines goes early to bed: 7:00 pm – reads, for 1/2-1 hour, then listens to classical music. Finally thinking about what was written that day, scientifically, how to improve it or, perhaps, delete it (!), etc. You see: **Kari** is a great home-maker !



1st: Late November 2016 at <https://www.molbaks.com/>

Kari's P&Q: **Kari** is busy, every day of the year, from early morning, 6 am til mid evening, 8 pm, with her Patchwork & Quilt'ing. On several Tuesdays, 8 months a year, she attends either of three ladies' P&Q groups: *The Green Quilters*, *The Gentofte Quilt Group* or *The Holte Patchwork & Tea Group*. The latter used to be held here, but, in the end, it was quite a load on **Kari**, so they all moved to the nearby *Rudersdal Sport's Centre*. With the *The Green Quilters* she took part in an exhibition at *Lyngby Town Hall* late October.

Dines' Scientific Work: **Dines** is "as busy as ever". One of his papers was accepted for the *Journal of Formal Aspects of Computing* – and three are in the pipeline at FAoC: two submitted in July, one in November. Cross your fingers. A last, "smallish" paper, is up for review in *Journal of Logical and Algebraic Programming*. They concern the general topic of *Domain Engineering* – an initial phase of software development, "touted" by Dines, a precursor for requirements engineering.

Dines' Other "Doings": Read several books (F. Dostoyevskij, K. Sørlander, Ths.H. Beck, S. Gotfredsen, ao.), see pre-recorded British TV (crime) series (Miss Marple, Monsieur Poirot, Foyle's War, ao.), etc., etc.

Closing: This year **Kari** has done all the lawn mowing. For 2017 we must look for outside help also for this. **WeiWei** helped us this year with hedge cutting and many other things. We really treasure **WeiWei**: a great son-in-law. Two-three times a year two local landscape gardener brothers do some of the "major" reworking: brush cutting, replanting (rhododendrons), etc. Right now **Kari** is making this season's *Glögg*⁴.

We Wish Wou All a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !

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³You may still wish to browse his home pages: <http://www.imm.dtu.dk/~dibj/>
especially <http://www2.imm.dtu.dk/~dibj/diaries/>.

⁴Recipe: Dry red wine, some water, pressed orange juice, orange "boats", cinnamon sticks, star anise, cloves, cardamom, honey, sugar: bring up to boiling point, then let it draw for 2 days. Strain to obtain transparent *glögg*. Serve after gentle warm up, add a bit of cognac, must not boil. Put almonds and raisins, marinated for 2-3 weeks in port wine, in each glass. Pour over the warm *glögg*. For 4 bottles of 750 cl. each red, use 500 cl orange juice, 3 large oranges or 6 mandarins, 5-6 cinnamon sticks, a $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of star anise, 30 cloves, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of cardamom, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of honey, and a $\frac{1}{3}$ cup of sugar